

ECW 2011 Annual Report

Going into 2011 the plan to have regular meetings and planning sessions was agreed on. The 1st Sunday of every other month meetings took place. Either after the 8AM Service at approximately 9AM or after the 10:30 Service close to noon. The 1st organizational meeting of the year went very well with many agreeing to spearhead committees.

Woman of The Year nominee selected by our ECW was Margaret Jarboe. Lynn Majors did a lovely write up and several attended the event. Everyone that had been nominated was a winner in their own right. We were very proud of Margaret's achievements as were those present hearing the words read at the event. This is an annual event led by St. Mary's County and invites groups to nominate worthy possible candidates. Our Margaret certainly is that.

Several Committees though separate entities of their own are manned by ECW individuals.

The Annual Coat Drive led by Kae Clarke, WARM assisted by men and women of Ascension,

Three Oaks Food Delivery Program from Ascension led by Margaret Jarboe, In Reach led by Shonna Meiser and Peggy Carlton, Altar/Flower Guild led by Kae Clark and Connie Olsen, Dinners and Luncheons led by Dana Davis, Kitchen Committee composed of Kae Clarke, Dana Davis and Hilma Andrews will address needs of the kitchen. Special Events food and decorations required during the parish life led by volunteers on as needed basis. Big events this year included a send off reception for Caron Gwynn then in November we had Celebration of Ministry celebration for our delightful new minister Sherrill Page. .

Ideas often flow during the meetings to address upcoming or present needs in the parish.

Topics Addressed during the 2011 calendar year have been. Young Ladies of the parish

being invited to participate in ECW sponsored functions. An Herb Garden window sill in the kitchen in the plans. Seis de Mayo led by Sharon Harms and Karol Wolgemuth, Souper

Sundays led by Dana Davis, and new inventive ideas as to money making projects.

ECW has an Adopt A Child named Olivia. We send the requested amount annually to support the food program designed in Guatemala to aid Olivia. 5 of the new Levas Hymnals have been paid for by ECW and dedications have been made to special people whom have meant a great deal to ECW through the years.

Dec ECW sponsored a Cookie/Craft and Vendor Sale. Two afghans made by Joan Coleman and two Scarves made by Connie Olsen were raffled off. Many cookies were available for purchasers to buy. Some parishioners had made crafts to be sold and the Sunday School made pottery items under the tutelage of Sarah Houde. Funds collected for the pottery items went directly to Sunday School. Vendor donations went to WARM with 25% of the remaining intake from the sale to go to the church's general fund and the remainder to be ear marked towards repair of the stain glass window located at the back of the sanctuary..

ECW is striving to increase revenue in different avenues and hopes to continue to serve our parish in the best ways we can. Every woman attending Ascension is automatically a member of the group. Next meeting will be Feb. 5th 2012 after the 8AM service. Current members are hoping for more to join in on this year's adventures.
Respectively Submitted: Marsha Merchant